

## **Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities Minutes of August 9, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Berrier at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A. Mr. Berrier motioned to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2005 meeting and was seconded by Moira Miller.

The Commission meeting was being videotaped by SPAC-TV to be aired on local cable.

### **Members in Attendance**

Barbara Smith - Secretary

Jerry Berrier - Communication and Web Site Liason

Loretta Henry - Senior Center Liason

Moira Miller - Commission Member and Town Meeting Member

Dan Morgado - Town Manager, Liason to Disability Commission

### **Members excused from Attendance**

Keith Willette - Chair

### **Guests**

Bob Cox, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

### **Town Liason Report**

Dan Morgado stated that Bob Cox was going to discuss the Nault Study and address the replacement of the outside doors to Town Hall with automatic power doors on the East side entrance with a button on both outside and inside since the East side has more traffic coming in and out of the building. Mr. Cox also stated that handicapped parking spaces and van accessible parking spaces are going to be re-stripped. Also the concrete will be extended at the top of the parking spaces on the east side to make it more handicapped accessible.

Mr. Morgado stated that there is a power door mechanism available from the town that can be used. He will write up the cost for the installation of the mechanism and submit it for approval to the Disability Commission. The Commission has approximately \$18,000 available to cover cost of remaining improvements identified in the Nault Study. The other projects that remain are the lowering of countertops at the Parks and Recreation, Engineering and Highway departments. Mr. Morgado stated that by December 2005 Town Hall should be fully compliant. Mr. Cox stated that the projects will be done as staff becomes available after completing school projects.

Jerry Berrier motioned to approve the expenditures for the automatic door and lowering of countertop. Loretta Henry seconded the motion.

Mr. Morgado stated that Sherwood Middle School is targeted as the next project for renovation, which will also bring the building into full compliance. The planning will start in January 2006. Coolidge, Paton, Spring Elementary schools along with Beal Early Childhood Learning Center would be next for renovations and also bringing these

buildings into full compliance.

Mr. Morgado stated that all of the residents have been satisfied with all the improvements for the center of town intersection and hasn't received any more complaints. He also stated that the South/North Quinsigamond Avenue and Route 9 intersection renovations are going well and once the Library and Fire Station projects get approved, they will also become fully compliant.

### **Member Discussions**

Dana Frazao stated that she needs to re-do the footage with Mr. Morgado for the Commission's "Disability Awareness" videotape. She will then have complete footage and begin editing the tape. The Commission will be able to preview a rough cut of the videotape at the next Commission meeting on September 13, 2005. Ms. Frazao asked Barbara Smith on information she would like to include on the narration piece for the school inclusion portion.

Ms. Smith stated that an important message for the videotape is the issue of respect, and dignity that needs to be given to this population and the valued roles that they contribute to the community.

### **Phone Log**

None

### **Bills**

None

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

Loretta Henry motioned to adjourn and Moira Miller seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Barbara Smith.